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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Akio KONISHI  
Serial Number : 09/934,546  
Filed : August 23, 2001  
For : APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING POWDERY THERMOELECTRIC  
MATERIAL AND METHOD OF FABRICATING POWDERY  
THERMOELECTRIC MATERIAL USING THE SAME  
Examiner : Scott R. Kastler  
Group Art Unit : 1742

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**PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 4, 2003

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official action mailed August 4, 2003. The Official action mailed August 4, 2003, set forth a three-month period for response. Accordingly, this petition for a one-month extension of time extends the due date for filing a response to December 4, 2003.

A check in the amount of ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$110.00) for the one-month extension of time fee is attached hereto.

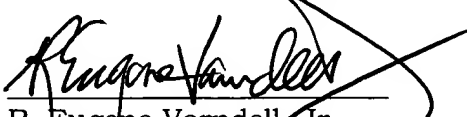
In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

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